

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 433

AN ACT

To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in Knox, Pennsylvania, as the “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Ross Andrew McGinnis was born and raised
4 in Knox, Pennsylvania, the son of Tom and
5 Romaine McGinnis.

6 (2) Specialist McGinnis joined the Army in
7 2004 and following his training, was assigned to 1st
8 Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry
9 Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry
10 Division.

11 (3) On December 4, 2006, McGinnis was killed
12 in action while serving in Iraq. For his actions that
13 day, he was awarded the Congressional Medal of
14 Honor by President George W. Bush on June 2,
15 2008.

16 (4) From the official Medal of Honor Army Ci-
17 tation:

18 (A) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis,
19 United States Army. For conspicuous gallantry
20 and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and
21 beyond the call of duty.

22 (B) Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis
23 distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and
24 intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty
25 while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine
26 Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Bat-

1 talion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection
2 with combat operations against an armed
3 enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq,
4 on 4 December 2006.

5 (C) That afternoon his platoon was con-
6 ducting combat control operations in an effort
7 to reduce and control sectarian violence in the
8 area. While Private McGinnis was manning the
9 M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation
10 grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through
11 the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting
12 quickly, he yelled "grenade," allowing all four
13 members of his crew to prepare for the gre-
14 nade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from
15 the gunner's hatch to safety, Private McGinnis
16 made the courageous decision to protect his
17 crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he
18 was mortally wounded, Private McGinnis cov-
19 ered the live grenade, pinning it between his
20 body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the
21 explosion.

22 (D) Private McGinnis' gallant action di-
23 rectly saved four men from certain serious in-
24 jury or death. Private First Class McGinnis' ex-
25 traordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost

1 of his own life, above and beyond the call of
2 duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions
3 of the military service and reflect great credit
4 upon himself, his unit, and the United States
5 Army.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIALIST ROSS A. MCGINNIS MEMORIAL POST**
7 **OFFICE.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States
9 Postal Service located at 523 East Railroad Street in
10 Knox, Pennsylvania, shall be known and designated as the
11 “Specialist Ross A. McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

12 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
13 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
14 States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall
15 be deemed to be a reference to the “Specialist Ross A.
16 McGinnis Memorial Post Office”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 23, 2016.

Attest:

Clerk.

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